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*Sanitzer dossier*

Chief, 2d

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Chief of Base, Pullach

Operational

Hannes BAUER

Reference - MOGW-14394

1. Hauptmann Hannes BAUER, mentioned in LSX-33 (Para 2, ref.) is identical with Subject, chief of the SATURN Commo Section. Farther, Subject was well acquainted with Johann SANITZER. He thought highly of him personally as well as professionally. He found SANITZER's approach to CI/OE work a pleasant contrast to the usual RSMA tactics which often resulted in the liquidation of an apprehended enemy W/T operator before he could be properly exploited as a double agent. SANITZER regarded each case as a possible D/A and devoted great personal attention to it. Although Subject was attached to an OKW Unit, he was often called in to provide technical information for SANITZER's SD operations. According to Subject, SANITZER disposed of D/As who had outlived their usefulness by sending them to a clinic on the outskirts of Vienna where they were kept under a protective but benevolent custody.

2. Subject stated that he has often wondered what happened to SANITZER. He saw him last in 1945 and has not heard of him since. Subject said that according to a rumor he had heard in Austria, SANITZER fell into Russian hands. However, Subject adds that SANITZER, who is described as "philosophic", was bitterly opposed to Soviet Russia. He feels that Subject would work for the Russians only under great duress. SANITZER came from Styra, American Zone, Austria, and it is possible that some of his family still live there.

3. It seems likely that Subject knows a good deal more about SANITZER and his Vienna based operations. He has often expressed his willingness to provide details of his wartime experience as Chief of the OKW monitoring service and in fact seems surprised that he was never more fully debriefed. If there is still interest in SANITZER, we suggest that you prepare a brief of items of interest which we can then discuss with Subject.

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